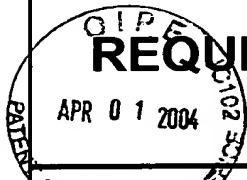


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)****TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

DOCKET NO. 11957/13	APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09/881,976	EXAMINER Jeffrey J. Stucker	ART UNIT 1648
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(Reg. No. 46,877)

This is a **Request for Continued Examination** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE) of pending application Serial No. 09/881,976, filed on **June 15, 2001**, entitled **METHOD OF PRODUCING VACCINES FROM PROTEIN SIGNAL OLIGOPEPTIDES**.

The following constitute the submission required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and is attached:

- ☒ (Preliminary) Amendment
☐ Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449
☐ Drawing Changes
☐ Other Submission: _____

1. The filing fee for this RCE and the required amendment/submission is calculated below. The fee below is calculated based on the status of the claims after the entry of the attached amendment/submission. The fee for any new additional claims is included with this RCE, the fee for previously entered additional claims having already been paid.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	MINUS	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE (\$) PER CLAIM	FEE (\$)
BASIC FEE						770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	9	20	20	0		0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	3	3	0		0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						
				*Number extra must be zero or larger	TOTAL	770.00
If Applicant is a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.						385.00
SMALL ENTITY						
TOTAL						

2. Please charge the required RCE and submission filing fee of \$385.00 to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
3. Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action dated September 29, 2003 for which a response period expiring on December 19, 2003 was set. The extended period expires on March 29, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) small entity extension fee of **\$475.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees, including any additional fees required, associated with this communication or arising during the pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
5. A duplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 29, 2004

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